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In re Application of  
**Matthias Stefan Bierbrauer**

Application Number  
**10/015,301**

Filed  
**12/12/2001**

For Method and System For Automated.....

Art Unit  
**2136**

Examiner  
**Pramila Parthasarathy**

Applicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

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Application Number	10/015,301
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First Named Inventor	Matthias Stefan Bierbrauer
Art Unit	2136
Examiner Name	Pramila Parthasarathy
Attorney Docket Number	DE920000115US1

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Date	December 28, 2005	Reg. No.	36,571

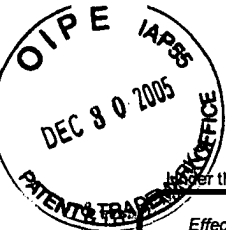
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

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## Complete if Known

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### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Paid(\$)
Utility Filing Fee	790	395	
Design Filing Fee	350	175	
Plant Filing Fee	550	275	
Reissue Filing Fee	790	395	
Provisional Filing Fee	160	80	

Subtotal (1) \$

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20	50	25
Each independent claim over 3	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
For Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
For Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

- 36 or HP = x =  
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Indep. Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

- 3 or HP = x =  
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

Multiple Dependent Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

Subtotal (2) \$

### 3. OTHER FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Paid(\$)
1-month extension of time	120	60	
2-month extension of time	450	225	
3-month extension of time	1,020	510	
4-month extension of time	1,590	795	
5-month extension of time	2,160	1,080	
Information disclosure stmt. fee	180	180	
37 CFR 1.17(q) processing fee	50	50	
Non-English specification	130	130	
Notice of Appeal	500	250	500
Filing a brief in support of appeal	500	250	
Request for oral hearing	1,000	500	
Other:			

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